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DO CHILDREN CARE?

LITTLE Dot has made herself a paper gas-mask so that small Tom can bomb her in an air-raid with his Christmas aeroplane. . . . (This is true, we've seen it.)

But the Board of Education decides that our five and a half million school children mustn't have gas drill because of the "adverse psychological effects"

We don't dispute the decision; but it conflicts with our experience of tender minds.

While you are anxiously protecting the babes from knowledge of the world's ways they are arranging a rehearsal of horrors they don't realise as such. "That poor lion hasn't got a Christian" in fact.

The psychological effect upon children of a lion eating a Christian is distinctly adverse to Christians.

ABATE THAT SMOKE

DARK days over London and other big cities . . . And an opportune gathering of our good old friends, the Smoke Abatement crusaders, very soon.

They never lose heart, though their lungs are pretty bad. They've been abating smoke in words for years and years. Will nobody heed them?

Where is Mr. A. P. Herbert? Where's he who succeeds in getting even Parliament to do something that somebody wants done?

NO NEW IDEAS?

IT is depressing to see that the old teasing and bullying of Jews is beginning all over again in the "new" Rumania.

All new dictators or supermen can do is to imitate the bad ideas of the old ones.

When shall we get a superman with a few notions of his own? For instance—human kindness?

WATCH THE RATES RISE

ESSEX ratepayers are lucky.

They've been told that there is a limit to the increases they fear in assessments. They've been asked to keep calm.

The rest of us have no such assurance. We just watch the rates soaring, and, if we can, we pay. But we try to keep calm, too.

DOPE FOR ARABS

SO far the verdict upon the B.B.C.'s Arabian Nights Entertainment appears to be that it is designed to send Arabs asleep to the sound of the violin.

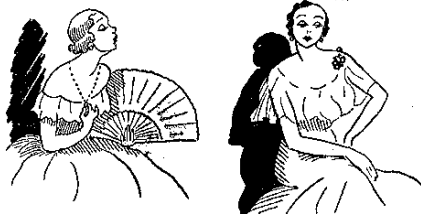
Well, at least they won't hear Musso's mouthings while they snore. W. M.

PORTRAITS AND SNAPSHOTS

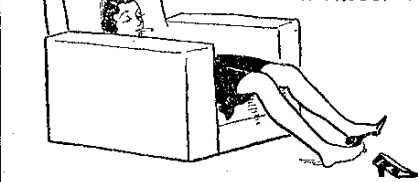
WERE ALL 17TH CENTURY LADIES AS COMPOSED AND GRACEFUL AS THEY LOOK IN THEIR PORTRAITS?



EVEN TODAY THE PORTRAIT-PAINTER LIKES TO DEPICT OUR GIRLS LIKE THIS—



WHEREAS A SNAPSHOT MIGHT GIVE A DIFFERENT IMPRESSION.



IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THE 17TH CENTURY, CAUGHT IN AN OFF MOMENT, MIGHT HAVE APPEARED SOMEWHAT SIMILAR!



Here are some reflections after a visit to Burlington House.



As you sit beside your fire in comfort, warmth and ease—Spare a thought of pity for the homeless refugees. . . . Fugitives from War—Old people—children—men and wives. Driven from the wreck and ruin—fleeing for their lives.

Driven from their little homes. . . . No food—no hope—no plan; victims of the folly and brutality

of Man. . . . Seeking shelter from the death that rains out of the skies; many having seen their loved ones killed before their eyes.

God forgive this wicked world—its madness and its greed—and protect the innocent and those who are in need. . . . Soften now the hearts of men—May War's stark horrors cease—and the New Year bring us wisdom—sanity—and Peace.

What Help?

I HAVE been helped during the past year by the companionship and affection of my mother. While she lives I shall not marry. HER SON.

A Legacy

WHAT'S helped in 1937? A good fellow who had the sense to leave me £100 free of duty! LEG UP.

Church Stunts

CHURCH "stunts" (as you call them) may lead people, to worship. Attract them first. Edify them later. AN ORDINARY PARSON.

Not Honoured

SCORES of people ought to have been given honours. Here's one—Jean Batten. And what about Noel Coward? DISGUSTIFIED.

People Change

YES, people change! Usually for the worse. Lots, nice when young, grow nastier the longer they live. STILL NICE.

Boys Can Act

HOW can anybody go on saying that boys can't act in face of the immense success of Freddie Bartholomew and other film favourites? J. L. C. ANDERSON.

German Colonies

WHEN Germany defeated France in the Franco-Prussian war of 1870-71, none of the great French Colonies were confiscated by the victors.

Alsace and Lorraine in Europe were annexed by Germany, but these had formerly been part of the Empire.

How differently the victors of the Great War treated Germany! FAIR PLAY.

A Vegetarian Replies

"CONSISTENCY is the hobgoblin of little minds," said wise old Emerson.

In this imperfect world, all that the best of us can do is to lessen, to the greatest degree in our personal power, the immense sum-total of human and sub-human suffering.

Substitutes are being found for animal by-products. Their scope and quality will improve with increased demand.

When humanity grows kinder, consistency will become easier. (Miss) M. LEONARD SMITH.



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